## EVAN, WHO IS

Small Boy Commands Great Elephants Absolutely.

THEY THROW HIM ABOUT

Visit to Zoo Where Boy Plays All the Time.

"That'll do now, Babe," said the animal trainer, extricating himself from the serpenting embrace of a great black trunk. "She's very playful, Babe is," he added,

somewhat breathlessly, which was natural for Babe and her mate had been playing ball with him, throwing him from one to the other and catching beautifully in a manner calculated to inspire a baseball "She's a good deal friskier than Basil. You see, she's only half as old as Basil, who is sixty this year," habe was stamping her foot, just like

an infant, and demanding more play. Frank Healey, the trainer, patted her on the trunk and said: "I guess she won't be contented now till Evan comes around, He's my son, and he can do more with these two fellows than I can.

So he sailed forts to find Evan, and his visitors went in with him, expecting to see a big husky animal trainer like his father. But all they saw was a yellow head full of curls peering snyly from behind a tree and vanishing as soon as the strangers approached.

Dragged forth smally by the arm, with his face turned bashfully away, behold Evan aged four years and eleven months, master of the elephants.

Master Evan's unwilling way lay through an unrestful avenue of wild animal cages, from which the blg cats spat and roared their disapproval of intrusion. A black panther and a young lida particularly were so vehement in their frank expressions of dislike that the strangers took careful care to remain well in the center of the thoroughfare. But Evan tried to hide his blushes behind the black panther, whence he was extricated on the verge of tears,

in the decreasy of the elephant house the parental grasp relaxed ,and with a divo Evan got between the mighty wrinkled piliars that supported Babe.

That playful young creature had her

vast ears thrust forward like immense Her piggy eyes were a-twinkle. She gurgled down in her caverns like a mountain full of sizzling water. Gently, ever so gently, her big trunk with its pink orifice reached out and reized the little chap. Slowly she rocked him to and fro, while he sat, holding to the trunk as calmly as other children would hold to the hopes of a swing. But Bush wanted a bit of it, too. He reached and pranced and trumpeted until Babe swong Evan over to him. A toss and a catch ,and Basii had the boy. Back and forth they swung him like a ball, but with a care and gentleness that

seemed impossible in creatures so huge A word muttered from Healey, and Basil lifted the little golden-haired trainer up, up, until she held him ten feet above the ground. Then the trunk curved backwards and set him as softly as if he were bisque on her big back. He sat there for mapping the leathery at and then, with a sudden motion slid fdown the sloping back of the tall, swung From it as if it were a rope, and let him self drop to the ground, while Basil and Babe trumpeted and wagged their ears, watching for him to appear between their

"Safe?" said Mr. Healey. "Why, of course. I'd rather have Evan play with Ahe elephants than with other children. They take as good care of him as any nurse could. Every morning they are restless till he comes. And as for him, he is always in here. He plays among their feet and lets them swing him up on their backs all day long. They would not step on him; no indeed. They take more care not to burt him than a human being would. See here."

He lifted the boy up to Babe's left ear, and commanded; "Listen, Babe. Bemething to say to you."

Bable stuck her ear out and inclined ther head toward the boy, while he talked into her ear. Then she nodded her bend wisely and grunted.

Healey dropped the boy. Evan stenned alongside of Babe, and slapped her on and its never-falling dalsdes-is a thing of the leg as high as he could reach, which the past. wasn't higher than a short man's knee. "Down, Babe, down," he said

of appeal in her eye. She wiggled her tail and ffried her trunk and turned her something else." ewere to whisper, "Oh, my!"

Then, with a weary grunt, she held her trunk out to him coaxingly. But Evan flower-color. only patted it and cried shrilly: "Down, Babe, I say " So Babe, looking as if she had no friend on earth, grunted once She is stronger of more athietic build suddenly assumed a warlike attitude more and dropped laboriously to her fore than her ancestors, and, therefore, better knees. With another plunge that shook the elephant house, she let herself fall plants than the woman of the last genera. cumbrously on her side, and stuck her four feet into the air. Then she held out her trunk and wiggled her upturned ing and knitting. Then, too, it is remarkear. Evan scrambled with hands and able that plant life has not more attracknees up her massive throbbing side, and perched himself, a little bright spot, on is being introduced into the public school, with the native women, and the warriors

Then Basil had to go through the perbidden like a lamb. Each elephant at their very own. once searched his clothes for sugar when

he let ber get up. we came to Glen bland and ever since carriage and it soon got so that we could sweet perfume turn her loose with the little one and feel that he was safer in the protection of his

under the care of any human attendant. We used to say that Evan had the very biggest nurse girl in the world. She was News. as gentle and careful with him as she could be. She never let go the handle of the carriage and she would push it up and down all day long if we would let her

soon began to play with her trunk, and she, in turn, didn't like anything so much us to be allowed to reach into the carriage and fondle him and let him pull her

"As soon as he could crawl he went into the elephant house by preference. And now, no matter what time of the day he goes there the elephants are ready to play with him. If he doesn't appear at his usual time they make a great fuss, and won't keep quiet until he arrives."

brutes were jostling each other to reach Evan and tap him with their trunks. He stood between their legs, leaning against them and the elephants never moved a limb without looking and feeling to make sure that they would not step on him. It wasn't possible to see a bit of him when he got well behind one of the huge legs, but he was master of the elephants for all that-Kiplings's Toomaii in

real life Mr. Healey brought out a grindstone. and Evan stood before the elephants and commanded Basil to take hold. Again Basil grouned with unwillingness. Evidently her idea of play was not to do tricks. But Master Evan permitted no malingering. "Take hold Basil, right plaintive group and an extraordinary mournful expression, reached over and began to turn the handle. "That won't do," said Evan, firmly. "Take hold like end of it firmly against the handle, "Now,

turn it," he said, and Basil sadly turned it, without taking an eye from the lad. willingly did the same. But Basil had tive porters. not obtained his usual reward, and she trumpeted and thrashed her mighty feet around, making a noise that scared the strangers into jumping. Close beside Evan the huge feet went up and down, but Evan never turned. He finished with Babe, and not until then did he give the indignant Basil her plece of sugar.

"The grindstone," said Mr. Healey, "Is being used now by Evan to teach the elephants to turn a barrel organ, it would be a little too expensive to begin with the real thing. They've smashed this arrangement several times. They don't like to learn any too well, but they always come around to it. Evan doesnt' let them off from a single lesson, and, no matter how much they may object, they always

He has taught them to lie down and play dead, to throw up their trunks and trumpet the "royal salute," just as Toomail did, and to pick out the American fing and wave it. Their musical education has been finished so far that they are ready to play the real thing,"

Evan walks around Glen Island every day with the big elephants following him placidly and watching his every motion He takes them out to pasture and to water and drives them home again as other boys of his age and size would drive gpats. In the four and one-half years that he has spent on Glen Island he has not failed to visit his playmates a day except when he was ill, and then the two elephants became III, too.

He is allowed to go wherever he pleases on the Island, with no one to watch him. He wanders in and out of the menagerie all day long, but his father says that he knows too much to get within reach of the cut animals and the bears, although he is in and out of the tiger, lion, and panther houses all day long and his way lies right alongside of the cages that contain the grizzly, cinnamon ,and polar bears. He has never been hurt by an animal.

He gets his love for animals legitimately, for his father has made many trips to Asia and Africa to get wild animals for American shows, besides having been a collector of snakes and big reptiles in Cuba and South America. He has made up his mind that he will become one, too.-Washington Evening Star.

## OLD-FASHIONED GARDEN.

"What has become of the old-fashioned garden?" said a suburbanite to his companio other day, as both were comine home from business on one of the suburban railway lines. "I mean the gardens we used to see-such as our grandmothers took pride in-and the old-fashioned the interesting relics. One of them was they trained and reared-hands less adaptthe modern athletic woman,

Yes it is a fact, an a much-to-be-lamented fact, that the old-fashioned gar- paper were still legible. den, with its sweet william and its cornflowers its dark-eyed popples and lavender heliotrope, its black-eyed susans and delicate morning glories, whose purple petals are shyly closed when Old Sol begins to sture too rudely; its rows upon rows of haughty hellyhocks, which, when once planted, grow like weeds and threaten the more modest heartease and bachelor buttons; its sweet-scented mignonette.

The modern woman does not look after her garden as her mother and grandmoth-Babe looked at him with a funny look | er used to do. Today there is a gardener who attends to that. He mows the lawn. he plans the shapes and arrangement of head away, saying plainty: "Let's talk of the flower beds. And what does he plant? But the baby trainer In the spring, haughty tulips and awkwas persistent. And Babe sighed-a rum- ward hyacinths, and later on, nothing but bling roaring sigh, as if a steam engine stiff gerantums-blossoms in which there is neither grace nor perfume, possessing only one attribute of the truly beautiful his porters.

it would seem that the modern woman ought to take more interest in gardening fitted to weed a garden and care for the in doing such enervating work as crochettions for children, now that nature study top of the great tomage of black flesh. curriculum. And yet, in how very few resented their conduct, took the warpath, suburban and country homes does one and by their vastly superior numbers soon formance, and she too, begged Evan to find that the children have charge of compelled the expedition to leave let her off, but finally did what she was little garden plots which they may call

And with the home garden the home made bouquet, the parting gift of every he was soon to revisit, the relics he had "Basil," said Mr. Realey, "Is one of the housess to the friend who had visited her biggest elephants in America now. She in her country home, has also passed that he was drowned while passing in a is a little more than nine feet high, and away. Cut flowers from the greenhouse surf boat between the shore at Mayumba Babe is almost as big, but thirty years for beautifying the dinner table, where and a steamer. Very likely the relice of younger. Basil and Evan have been in olden times, out of the question, but the Du Chaidu expedition are still at that friends almost since Evan was born. He is bountiful supply from the gardens was little port, was born in While avenue. New York, always on hand so that at each and Nearly eight years ago at a dinner given and when he was only a few months old every meal a fresh bouquet could be had to the delegates of the Stath international Every breeze that blew wafted the scent Geographical Congress at Greenwich, the then Evan and the elephants have played of honeysuckle and mignonette through man to whom Steckelmann wrote heard together. When we first came her Basil the house, and from early spring until Paul Du Chailiu's short speech in that larned to wheel Evan around in the buby late in the fall the air was redolent with distinguished gathering.

rificed to the lawn? Why not compromise, and have a little of each?-Baltimore

Cupid's Faulty Memory. Dan-How that man stared at you.

While the trainer was speaking the big Story of Sun Staff Reporter and Luck.

> WESTERN AFRICA

Carl Stecklemann's Letter Concerning His Find.

Eleven years ago this month a member away," he said, and Basil, with one last Carl Stecklemann, agent of a Liverpool house in the West African trade. The letter came from his headquarters at Mayumba, a small port in the French Conthis." He stooped under the trunk, pull- go, not far above the north of that river. ed it to the grindstone and pressed the it told of a remarkable find Steckelmann made while away in the interior to the far northwest with a white com-"New, Babe," he ordered, and Babe un- rade named Townsend and a party of na-

The party was purchasing ivory and rubber in the country of the Ashango natives southeast of the coast region of Gaboon. Steckelmenn wrote that he had found the supplies and equipment which some explorer must have lost many years before.

the goods half hidden in the jungle along to no ordinary trader.

Mr. Steckelmann wondered why the natives in the neighborhood had not appropriated the goods, particularly as many of them were common trade articles with which explorers pay their way through Africa and which are greatly desired by the blacks. He questioned the natives about the matter and from some of the older men he obtained some interesting information.

They told him that many years before they had had a fight with a party led by a little white man, and had defeated the strangers, who threw down their loads and ran through the jungle and were never seen again. The natives thought the abandoned goods would greatly enrich them, but a strange thing happened. When they picked up one of the boxes it began to talk. They were frightened nearly to death, dropped the box, but still it kept making sounds, so the fetich doc-

They decided that all the property of the white man was fetich and that the entire people would perish if any of the goods were touched. Year after year had passed and the places where they had crumbld in the places where they had

propriated by the natives. They made a new path a few feet from the white man's property and there it lay in the dirt and curse with it.

peen an unusually successful animal trainof the talking box appeared to admit of an easy explanation. The metal works of several music boxes were found, and the explorer doubtless intended to present these attractive playthings to native chiefs When the natives lifted a box containing one of these musical instruments it is probable that the music began to play, and the ill-omened circumstance prevented the people from profiting by the plunder at their hands.

Mr. Steckelmann wrote that he had brought back to the coast a number of flowers, which, with their own hands, a box containing a large magnet for polarizing the compasses. Another package ed to hoe and rake and dig than those of contained a number of English and been so well covered that parts of the

> ask if the name of the explorer who lost the property could be ascertained. The tracer had no maps or books that would shed any light on the question. 12, and arrive at San Francisco at 8:03

Chaillu's routes in West Africa might have covered this region, but he was not certain about it. He knew of no explorer who had been there unless Du Challie was

time the letter was seceived, and a reporter informed him of the interesting Mid., R. G. W. and Southern Pacific rafffind in the Ashange country. He at once said that the property referred to was a train will pass through points of great-large part of his equipment which he had est interest—Colorado Springs, Manitou. lost in that region twenty-six years before. He took from a shelp one of his Gate and Salt Lake City, in daylight, books, showed on a map the place where Train will stop three hours at Manitou the goods were abandoned and turned to the pages which resulted in a flight of

The explorer said he did not blame the natives, but his own porters were at fault. The natives had met him as friends, but

their language, and though his people knew the reason for this change of attition, who spent much of their spare time tude he did not learn what the trouble was until after his porters had fled panic stricken and he was obliged to follow, leaving his buggage on the ground. The fact was that the porters had interfered

thanked God that he had lived to see the his veracity had been questioned and the and peril had been discredited by a large The buby was so accustomed to it that he to him last summer .- Detroit Free Press fortunate than many other explorers who Press

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He found boxes and sacks containing side a narrow native path. The boxes and bags had rotted and fallen to pieces, beads and other articles were half hidden and half revealed in the moist soil; scientific instruments and some other objects showed that the property had belonged

tors were called into conference.

Not so much as a bead was ever apgrass, the memorial of the victory they had wen; but they thought it carried a

Mr. Steckelmann said that the mystery

French scientific periodicals which had

Steckelmann's purpose in writing was to man Standard and Tourist sleepers, also free recilning chair cars, will leave Wichita 9:50 a. m., Welnesday, August

He had a vague idea that Jaul B. Du

Mr. Du Chaillu was in New York at the this trip.

country at the top of their speed. Mr. Steckelmann added in his letter that he intended to bring to America, which found. It was only a little later, however,

growned with snow - New York Son. Of course, a well-trimmed lawn and day when the facts he had told about the neatly designed geranium beds have their Oblongo dwarfs and the gorilla of West great nurse than he would have been advantages, but need the garden be sac- Africa were accepted by all the world as invarnished truth, though for many years truth he had revealed through hard work to hold the buby. part of the learned world. He had had they are too good for their husbands, the satisfaction of being undicated dur-Gussie-Yes; seems to me I was engaged ing his life, in which respect he was more are not good enough for them.-New York

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